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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ko YOSHIDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2834

Application No.: 09/740,038

Examiner: T. Lam

Filed: December 20, 2000

Docket No.: 111340

For: ROTARY ELECTRIC MACHINE WITH STATOR ELASTIC SUPPORT
STRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2002, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-3 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,326,715 to Asao et al. (Asao) in view of JP 04364339A to Akihiro. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Asao is not available as prior art because Applicants claim priority from JP 11-360967 filed on December 20, 1999, which date is prior to the May 17, 2000 filing date of Asao. A claim for priority under JP 11-360967 was filed on December 20, 2000 and a certified copy of the priority document was submitted on April 12, 2001 in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §119. Additionally, a verified English language translation of the Priority Document is submitted concurrently herewith which includes the statement that the translation is accurate in compliance with MPEP §201.13.

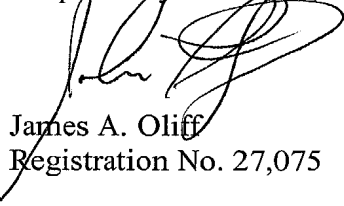
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As Asao is not available to form the basis of a rejection of the instant application, and Akihiro does not disclose or suggest the features recited in claims 1-3, Applicants submit that claims 1-3 distinguish over the cited references and are therefore allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application is requested. It is submitted that the claims as presented herein patentably distinguish over the applied references and fully meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1-3 is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Translation Certificate
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